

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Lee Watts, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/775,033  
Filed: February 9, 2004  
Group Art Unit: 3753  
Examiner: Fox, John C.  
Title: EXHAUST PIPE VALVE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**STATUS INQUIRY**

Dear Sir:

The Board of Appeals issued their Decision reversing the Examiner's rejections on September 25, 2009. Applicant has awaited a Notice of Allowance since that date.

Applicant requests a status update on the Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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